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**EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : LANZENDORFER et al.
SERIAL NO. : 09/744,506
FILED : 24 January 2001
FOR : COSMETIC AND DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS HAVING AN
EFFECTIVE CONTENT OF BILE ACIDS, THEIR SALTS AND/OR
THEIR DERIVATIVES
ART UNIT : 1617
EXAMINER : Lauren Q. Wells

23 May 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to consideration of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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